

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT
CONFERENCE ROOM ONE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011
7:00 P.M.

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIRMAN THOMAS SHIELDS
COMMISSIONER THOMAS BOWEN
COMMISSIONER KEVIN CHICK
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL GERHART
COMMISSIONER JAMES MAROCCHINI
COMMISSIONER DAVID MARSDEN (ALTERNATE)
COMMISSIONER GREG POLK
COMMISSIONER FERNANDO ROSA (ALTERNATE)
COMMISSIONER DANA WOODS

ABSENT

COMMISSIONER MICHAEL LONGO
COMMISSIONER MARY NIRO
CHAIRMAN SHIELDS SAT MR. ROSA FOR MR. LONGO AND MR. MARSDEN
FOR MRS. NIRO

ALSO PRESENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
TOWN PLANNER, EDMUND MEEHAN

II. MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 2, 2011

Commissioner Marsden made a motion to accept the March 2, 2010 minutes and
Commissioner Marochinni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION NEWINGTON BUSINESS BREAKFAST MAY 26, 2011

Economic Development Director Ed Meehan announced that the breakfast will be held
Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the Indian Hill Country Club beginning at 7; 30 A.M.
Chairman Shields will contact CL&P and request their sponsorship and he will also get a
guest speaker.

B. BUDNEY ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK – DIRECTORY SIGN

Mr. Meehan reported that Floors Now is interested in using the Budney Road Industrial Park sign as a directory for businesses in the Park.

Mr. Meehan noted that the park sign is owned by the Town and has electrical power for internal lighting. Mr. Meehan will contact Floors Now to discuss how the directory sign could be permitted and also get the electrical service checked out.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF COMMISSIONER BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Commissioner Marochinni commented on the opening of FAT AND H APPY.

Commissioner Polk met with the owner of Finn B'que and learned that the First Thursday of the month event in the rear parking lot is being proposed. This will go before the TPZ on April 27, 2011.

Commissioner Polk also spoke to Val Ginn, the former Chairperson of the Waterfall Festival and she, along with Theresa Reynolds, will chair the 2011 festival. Commissioner Polk is the sidewalk arts Chairman.

Commissioner Marsden said there will be a DBA meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at Finn B'que.

B. STATUS MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT, PHASES I AND II

Ed Meehan reported that the extruded concrete curbing will be repaired and a drainage problem behind 122-138 Market Square businesses will be corrected by the contractor.

C. MARKET SQUARE STREETScape PROJECT

Ed Meehan and Town Engineer Tony Ferraro met with the property owners regarding work on their property and possible cost sharing with the Town. The project plans will be discussed at the April 11, 2011 Downtown Revitalization Committee workshop with property owners and businesses.

D. NATIONAL WELDING PROPERTY

Ed Meehan distributed copies of the National Welding Property Remedial Action Plan by Fuss & O'Neill, April 2009. The first phases of clean up are remediation of the building and demolition; the second phase needs to address soil and groundwater contamination. The extent of remediation will depend on the reuse of the site; the least expensive option may be to "cap" the site with 3 to 4 feet of fill. Chairman Shields reported he is tracking brown fields grant funding legislation and potential funding programs at DECD.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Marochinni announced the Market Square show will be held June 8, 2011.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marochinni made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rosa seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Glenn
Recording Secretary